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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (previously presented): A method of recording/reproducing broadcasting signals, comprising:

establishing a size of recording files based on a broadcasting time of a program to be recorded and capacity of a storage device in which the recording files are included;

receiving signals of the program on a channel, and consecutively recording the signals into the recording files in order; and

controlling to continue the recording step until a recording stop instruction is received or broadcasting of the program is ended.

- (previously presented): The method of claim 1 further comprising:
 reproducing the recording files in order of recording, in response to a reproduction instruction.
- 3. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein the recording comprises: determining whether or not a volume of a part of the signals which have been recorded into a first recording file reaches the established size;

closing the first recording file and recording the remaining part of the signals to a second recording file when it is determined that the volume is equal to the size; and

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repeating the determining and the closing/recording to obtain the recording files in which the signals are recorded in order.

- 4. (original): The method of claim 2, wherein the reproduction instruction is issued after at least one recording file is filled with a part of the signals.
 - 5. (previously presented): The method of claim 2 further comprising: deleting a recording file which has reproduced.
- 6. (previously presented): The method of claim 3 further comprising:
 fast-forward reproducing recording files which complete the recording of the signals in
 order of recording, in response to a reproduction instruction; and

reproducing, in normal speed, recording files which complete the recording of the signals after the reproduction instruction.

- 7. (previously presented): The method of claim 3, wherein when a reproduction instruction is issued, the closing/recording is started.
- 8. (original): The method of claim 1, wherein each program is broadcast through digital signals and the digital signals are recorded into the corresponding recording file.

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9. (currently amended): A recording/reproducing device of broadcasting signals comprising:

a receive unit which receives broadcasting signals of a program on a channel;

a manage unit which picks up program information from the received signals of program and analyses the program information;

a storage device which stores recording files;

a decoder unit which decodes the received signals of program to obtain image data and sound data;

a recording/reproducing manage unit which produces and reproduces <u>manages</u> production and reproduction of recording files; and

a data control unit which: supplies the received signals of program to the decoder unit under control of the manage unit, and supplies the received signals of program to the recording/reproducing manage unit to record the signals into the recording files each of which has a predetermined size in order until a recording stop instruction is received or broadcasting of the program is ended; and reproduces and supplies the recording files thus produced in to the recording/reproducing manage unit to the decoder unit to reproduce the recording files in response to a reproduction instruction; and is capable of supplying a first one of the recording files in parallel with recording a second one of the recording files, the first one having been recorded earlier than the second one.

10. (original): The recording/reproducing device of claim 9, wherein the reproduction instruction is issued after at least one recording file is filled with a part of the signals.

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11. (original): The recording/reproducing device of claim 9, wherein the data control unit controls to delete a recording file which has reproduced.

12. (original): A recording/reproducing device of broadcasting signals comprising: a storage device which includes recording files to record broadcasting signals of a program on a channel;

an establishing unit which establishes a size of the recording files based on a broadcasting time of the program to be recorded and capacity of the storage device;

a receive unit which receives signals of the program, and consecutively records the signals into the recording files in order; and

a recording control unit which controls the receive unit to repeat the reception and the recording until a recording stop instruction is received or broadcasting of the program is ended.

- 13. (original): The recording/reproducing device of claim 12 further comprising:
 a reproducing control unit which reproduces the recording files in order of recording, in response to a reproduction instruction.
- 14. (original): The recording/reproducing device of claim 12, wherein the recording control unit determines whether or not a volume of a part of the signals which have been recorded into a first recording file reaches the established size, closes the first recording file and records the remaining part of the signals to a second recording file when it is determined that the

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volume is equal to the size, and repeats the determination operation and the closing/recording operations to obtain the recording files in which the signals are recorded in order.

15. (previously presented): A computer-readable medium storing instructions readable by a computer for performing a method of recording/reproducing broadcasting signals, comprising:

establishing a size of recording files based on a broadcasting time of a program to be recorded and capacity of a storage device in which the recording files are included;

receiving signals of the program on a channel, and consecutively recording the signals into the recording files in order; and

controlling to continue the recording step until a recording stop instruction is received or broadcasting of the program is ended.

16. (previously presented): The computer-readable medium of claim 15, wherein said computer-readable medium comprises a computer data signal embodied in a carrier wave.

Claim 17 (canceled).

18. (previously presented): A method of recording/reproducing broadcasting signals, comprising:

establishing a size of recording files based on a broadcasting time of a program to be recorded and capacity of a storage device in which the recording files are included;

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receiving signals of the program on a channel, and consecutively recording the signals into the recording files in order;

controlling to continue the recording step until a recording stop instruction is received or broadcasting of the program is ended; and

reproducing the recording files in order of recording, in response to a reproduction instruction,

wherein the recording comprises:

determining whether or not a volume of a part of the signals which have been recorded into a first recording file reaches the established size;

closing the first recording file and recording the remaining part of the signals to a second recording file when it is determined that the volume is equal to the size; and

repeating the determining and closing/recording to obtain the recording files in which the signals are recorded in order.

19. (original): A recording/reproducing device of broadcasting signals comprising: a storage device which includes recording files to record broadcasting signals of a program on a channel;

an establishing unit which establishes a size of the recording files based on a broadcasting time of the program to be recorded and capacity of the storage device;

a receive unit which receives signals of the program, and consecutively records the signals into the recording files in order;

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a recording control unit which controls the receive unit to repeat the reception and the recording until a recording stop instruction is received or broadcasting of the program is ended; and

a reproducing control unit which reproduces the recording files in order of recording, in response to a reproduction instruction,

wherein the recording control unit determines whether or not a volume of a part of the signals which have been recorded into a first recording file reaches the established size, closes the first recording file and records the remaining part of the signals to a second recording file when it is determined that the volume is equal to the size, and repeats the determination operation and the closing/recording operations to obtain the recording files in which the signals are recorded in order.

20. (new): A method of recording/reproducing broadcasting signals, comprising: receiving broadcasting signals of a program on a channel;

recording the signals into recording files, each of which has a predetermined size, in order until a recording stop instruction is received or broadcasting of the program is ended; and reproducing the recording files in response to a reproduction instruction;

wherein a first one of the recording files is reproduced in parallel with recording a second one of the recording files, receiving signals recorded in the first one being previous to receiving signals recorded in the second one.

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